

HOUSE BILL 456

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to student achievement.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1503(a)(1), is amended by deleting the last sentence in the subdivision and substituting:

LEAs and participating public charter schools shall conduct summer learning camps and after-school learning mini-camps annually beginning in the summer of 2021;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1503(b)(1)(A), is amended by deleting the last sentence in the subdivision and substituting:

LEAs shall conduct after-school learning mini-camps and summer learning camps annually beginning in the summer of 2021;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1503(a)(3), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

Providing training, technical assistance, guidance, and instructional materials and strategies to LEAs and participating public charter schools conducting after-school learning mini-camps, learning loss bridge camps, and summer learning camps;

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1503(a), is amended by adding the following as new subdivisions:

(7) Ensuring that the instruction provided to students through the learning loss remediation and student acceleration program is aligned to state academic standards;
and

(8) Ensuring that licensed teachers provide instruction to students through the learning loss remediation and student acceleration program.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1503, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

Each LEA and public charter school that provides instruction to students through the learning loss remediation and student acceleration program shall ensure that the instruction is aligned to state academic standards.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1509, is amended by deleting subdivision (b)(3) and substituting:

(3) By November 1 of each year, the report must be posted on the department's website and submitted to each LEA and participating public charter school, the governor, and the general assembly.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1509, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(d) The department, each LEA, and each participating public charter school shall:

(1) Review the report each year to determine if changes should be made to the after-school learning mini-camps, learning loss bridge camps, or summer learning camps to improve student achievement; and

(2) Implement any changes necessary that the department approves to the after-school learning mini-camps, learning loss bridge camps, or summer learning camps based upon the review in subdivision (d)(1).

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3115(c), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(3) The department of education shall develop guidance to assist LEAs and public charter schools in determining if a student's achieving performance level rating of "approaching" or "below" on the ELA portion of the student's most recent TCAP test is due to a disability or suspected disability.

SECTION 9. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.